

REMARKS

The Examiner has allowed claims 4-9 and 14-19. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

Applicant has amended claim 14 to correct a typographical error (i.e., insert a missing semicolon).

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 10-13 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject which Applicant regards as the invention. In response, Applicant has canceled claims 1-3, 10-13 and 20, so Applicant contends that the rejection of claims 1-3, 10-13 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is moot.

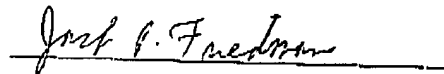
The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Kurd et al. reference (U.S. Patent 6,320,424). In response, Applicant has canceled claims 1 and 11, so Applicant contends that the rejection of claims 1 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is moot.

The Examiner rejected claims 2-3, 10, 12-13 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over the Kurd et al. reference (U.S. Patent 6,320,424) in view of Jcong et al. reference (U.S. Patent 6,144,242). In response, Applicant has canceled claims 1 and 11, so Applicant contends that the rejection of claims 2-3, 10, 12-13 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is moot.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the preceding arguments, Applicants respectfully believe that all pending claims and the entire application meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. If the Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicants invites the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. 09-0456.

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